

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of May 19, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the claims have been amended in light of the Schad reference. As amended, the claims focus on an improvement over the stripper plate 34 of Shad (shown generally in Fig. 3 and Fig. 1) which is retained on the core pins 20 to rotate with the turret. In contrast, the stripper plate of the present invention (formed of ejector cradle 32 and ejector plate 30) remains at the ejector station. This improvement simplifies the design of the turret and provides greater flexibility in producing a variety of different molded parts.

New claim 13 has been added having the limitation that the stripper plate engages the molded parts from the side rather than from the end as taught by Schad.

In light of these amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 1, 3 through 11, and 13 are now in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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